Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota's farmers and ranchers provide the food, feed, fiber, and fuel that consumers depend on; and,

Whereas, Agriculture provides components of hundreds of other consumer products, including medicines, biofuels, foam cushions found in vehicle seats, shampoo and conditioner, newspaper ink, gelatin for marshmallows, toothpaste, tires, and many more; and,

Whereas, One South Dakota producer raises enough food to feed 155 people in the United States and abroad; and,

Whereas, Production of agriculture and ag-related industries employ over 115,000 South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's more than 31,300 farms and ranches encompass more than 43 million acres; and,

Whereas, South Dakota ranks in the top ten states nationally in the production of corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, oats, sorghum, dry edible beans, flaxseed, honey, sheep, pigs, and cattle, and is also the nation's largest producer of bison and sunflowers; and,

Whereas, Agriculture has a $25.6 billion economic impact on South Dakota each year:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 19-25, 2017, as

NATIONAL AG WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State